

Thi Nguyen's Personalized Job Search Plan

Target Role: Cybersecurity Analyst

Career Identity Statement:

"As a bilingual cybersecurity learner with a background in education and a growing portfolio in security analysis, I bring communication, research, and analytical skills to entry-level security roles. I'm building my brand as *CyberKelsy*, turning complex threats into clear action—one log, one packet, one insight at a time."

Step-by-Step Job Search Plan

Phase 1: Focus on Google Cybersecurity Certificate (Current Priority)

- Study 1–2 hours per day (Mon–Fri)
- Complete labs: phishing, SQL, Linux permissions
- Finish incident handler journal
- Collect project screenshots and notes for portfolio
- Optional: Share key takeaways on TikTok/LinkedIn

Phase 2: Build Resume and GitHub Portfolio

- Create a clean, tailored cybersecurity resume
- Use GitHub repo [cybersecurity-portfolio](#) for:
 - Audit report
 - Phishing analysis
 - Linux command journal
- Write README for GitHub with project summaries and tools used

Phase 3: Execute the Job Search

- Create job alerts on:
 - LinkedIn
 - VietnamWorks
 - TopCV
 - CyberSecJobs
- Apply to 2–3 jobs per week
- Use tailored resume + LinkedIn message for each
- Track applications in a Google Sheet

Phase 4: Networking & Visibility

- Update LinkedIn with certificates and project links
- Connect with 2 new people per week (cybersecurity students, recruiters)
- Comment on 1–2 posts from security professionals weekly
- Join Discords, LinkedIn groups, and follow ISC2 HCM

Phase 5: Interview Practice

- Prepare STAR-based answers for behavioral questions
- Review common technical Qs (logs, SIEM, phishing, Linux)
- Record mock interview videos or do live practice with a friend

Weekly Structure (Example)

Day	Focus
Mon–Fri	Study certificate + update portfolio

Sat	Review job boards + apply to 1 job
Sun	Share weekly progress + reflect on wins